

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 433

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A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to provide authorization and funding for a regional forensics lab dedicated exclusively to child exploitation in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the investigation and prosecution of child exploitation and online child luring is an urgent crisis of the highest authority; and

WHEREAS, state and federal law enforcement agencies consistently report that the lack of forensic capacity is a chronic problem, grossly retarding prosecution; and

WHEREAS, existing forensic labs routinely prioritize adversely to the needs of the child victims, leaving them in danger; and

WHEREAS, East Tennessee is already second to none in forensic resources, including the National Forensic Academy, the University of Tennessee Law Enforcement Innovation Center, the "Body Farm," ongoing training for the FBI evidence recovery teams, and the Tennessee Valley's only regional Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we request the United States Congress to provide authorization and funding for a regional forensics lab dedicated exclusively to child exploitation, such facility to be located in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we offer our assistance to the U.S. Congress as a partner in such project through law enforcement legislation and resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to each member of the Tennessee Congressional Delegation.